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though by the bye, I have never used him ill, nor never intend to do it, because this is a very naughty trick. But poor *Shocky*, however, notwithstanding he is but a brute, may put many a fine gentleman, and many a handsome lady to the blush; for these, it is well known, are too often so unthankful and unfaithful, that upon every turn of fortune, or when they happen to raise themselves in the world, they will immediately despise and forget not only their former friends and acquaintance, but even their own relations, and the very parents who gave them birth. Poor contemptible wretches! who are so far from having a just claim to the honour of humanity, that they have not the goodness and the virtue even of a dog!—but not to put myself in a passion with them, (for, believe me, I can scarcely help it) I was going to tell you that my old *Shocky*, my good old *Shocky*, though he is but a beast, hath a wonderful deal of cunning and sagacity. For though he cannot play at cards or dice, like the learned dog in

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the shew, neither would I have been, (being no gambler myself,) yet that which is to me more funny, whenever I walk out with him, he frequently do in many public places of the town, he can smell out a rogue or a naughty girl, even at twenty yards or more. What nature does it by any particular influence of any fairy, I cannot pretend to leave it to be determined by philosophers when they have nothing better to say. But be this as it will, when I go in my walks to meet a boy or a girl, ever finely dressed or graceful, who is guilty of fibbing, or of telling tales, cheating, torturing other innocent animals, flinging stones or crackers in the public streets, or with fire, or by the side of a river, disobeying their parents, neglecting their books, or of any other kind of misbehaviour or naughtiness; then immediately he cries old *Shocky*